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SUBJ: GROMYKO ON SALT

1. AT THE CONCLUSION OF MY DECEMBER 22 MEETING WITH GROMYKO, HE COMMENTED THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN SEMENOV, WHO IN TURN HAD JUST RETURNED FROM GENEVA. GROMYKO SAID HE GATHERED THAT VIRTUALLY ALL BASIC PROBLEMS (CONNECTED WITH SALT II) SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, YET THE U.S. SIDE SEEMED DETERMINED TO MAKE A MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION OF MINOR POINTS WHICH, IN THE SOVIET VIEW, SEEMED ARTIFICIAL.

2. I SAID IT WAS MY IMPRESSION THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE PROCEEDING WELL, AND ASKED IF GROMYKO SHARED THAT VIEW. GROMYKO ANSWERED THAT IN GENERAL HE DID, AND HE INDICATED THAT HE SHARED PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT POSITIVE COMMENTS ABOUT THE PROGRESS MADE.

3. BUT, GROMYKO ADDED, YOU SEEM TO HAVE PEOPLE, PERHAPS YOUR MILITARY, WHO ARE INCLINED TO HOLD BACK ON THE GROUNDS THAT FURTHER "CAREFUL STUDY" IS NECESSARY.

4. I SAID THAT I HAD KNOWN MR. WARNKE FOR YEARS AND COULD ASSURE GROMYKO THAT ANY "HOLDING BACK" ON
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HIS PART WOULD STEM SOLELY FROM LEGITIMATE CONCERN OVER U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. THE EXCHANGE ENDED WITH GROMYKO SAYING HE HAD MENTIONED THE MATTER ONLY BECAUSE BY COINCIDENCE HE HAD SEEN SEMENOV JUST PRIOR TO SEEING ME.
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